



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*  
John Hoeven  
*Governor*

PROCLAMATION  
**NORTH DAKOTA FARM BUREAU WEEK**  
MARCH 13-19, 2005

**WHEREAS**, agriculture is one of North Dakota's leading industries and has been the foundation of our economy for generations; and

**WHEREAS**, farm families have a strong tradition and role in the economy of North Dakota through many of our rural communities, churches and organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, established in 1942, the North Dakota Farm Bureau is one of the largest agriculture organizations in North Dakota, with more than 27,500 members who contribute greatly to the state's economy and the nation's food supply; and

**WHEREAS**, Farm Bureau members are participating in the development of value-added opportunities and new uses for commodities, creating new products and markets for North Dakota farmers and ranchers in the global economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Farm Bureau continues to play an important role in strengthening and representing the agriculture industry in North Dakota; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim March 13-19, 2005, **FARM BUREAU WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/  
John Hoeven  
Governor

Attest:

/s/  
Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State